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An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Diane Dobrea on 8/9/06.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 24) The method according to claim **23 1**, wherein the tissue sample is obtained from one or more of the head and neck of the subject.

Claim 25) The method according to claim **23 1**, wherein the tissue sample is obtained from the prostate of the subject.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sean E. Aeder, Ph.D. whose telephone number is 571-272-8787. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 8:30-5:00.

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